GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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TRAINING TO ST WOMEN
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to empower the woman belonging to STs by providing training in enterpreneurship and skill development to improve their lives and livelihood;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the number of woman beneficiaries;

(c) the details of the financial assistance likely to be provided by the Union Government to the State Government for running training camps;

(d) whether the Government proposes to involve some NGOs in this regard; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS(SHRI P. R. KYNDIAH)

(a) : Ministry of Tribal Affairs implements a scheme namely Vocational Training in Tribal Areas to develop the skill of the tribal youth in order to gain employment/self employment opportunities. This scheme is equally applicable to both ST boys and girls. There is no proposal of a separate scheme for ST women in this regard.

(b) : Under the scheme, each training center may cater to five vocational courses in traditional or other skills depending upon the employment potential of the area. Each tribal boy/girl is trained in two trades of his/her choice, the course in each trade being for the duration of six months including practical training for three months. Rs. 13,500/- per trainee per year is provided by way of recurring cost which also includes Rs. 1200/- per trainee per year for purchase of raw material and Rs. 350/- per trainee per month as stipend besides honorarium to trainees, staff etc. During the year 2006-07 total number of beneficiaries covered is 6275 (both boys and girls).

(c) : During 2007-08 the R.E. under scheme under the state head is Rs. 6.75 crore including N.E. component and the B.E. for the year 2008-09 under the state head is Rs. 7.00 crore including N.E. component.

(d) & (e) : This scheme is implemented through the NGOs as well as through State Governments / UT Administrations. During the year 2006-07 grants to the tune of Rs. 150.00 lakh have been released to 9 NGOs for 9 projects covering 900 beneficiaries (both boys and girls)..